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The enormous wealth accumulated by the group of men in the street railway systems of New York, Chicago and other cities, representing a capitalization of \$1,000,000,000 is the subject of a series of articles by Burton J. Hendrick of the staff of McClure's. The first of these articles appears in the November number describing the operations in New York City of the syndicate headed by Thomas F. Ryan, controlling the Metropolitan Street Railway and its allied lines. The story of how these men obtained possession of the greatest transit monopoly in the world and the uses they have made of it involves many dramatic instances and contains notable character studies of some of the foremost business men of the last twenty-five years.

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ethnography, no scraps of legends, but coherent tales of magic and witchcraft, with a proper beginning and ending such as children demand, but with no moral or other embroidery. The author sticks close to the Indian narratives and makes them very interesting.

It is to the very little ones that "The Adventures of a Doll," by Nora Archibald Smith (the McClure Company) will appeal. To five-year-olds the mishaps of the rag doll and the doings of the hairy little dog will seem dramatic. They are told prettily and the colored pictures are striking.

The stories in "Fairies I Have Met." by Mrs. Rodolph Stawell (John Lane Company), are fanciful and are fairy tales. If they convey a moral or instruction this is effectively concealed, as it should be. The external objects on which the stories are built are such as children will notice naturally. The colored pictures by Edmund Dulac are unusually artistic and beautiful.

A knowledge of the game, such as the layman cannot hope for, is required to understand "The Story of a Football Season," by George H. Brooke (J. B. Lippincott Company), but youth will probably find no difficulty with it. The book is really a sort of treatise on football, with and a slight thread of story. The author is head coach at Swarthmore College, where at present it is doubtful whether the balance will swing to football or to pelf.

The title "The Boy's Book of Locomotives." chosen by Mr. J. R. Howden (E. Grant Richards; The McClure Company) is far too modest. In reality it is a very complete popular treatise, telling everything that can be told about locomotives, the history, the development, the feats performed and, above all, the description of all the parts and the stages through which they have gone. In parts it is beyond the grasp of boys without mechanical training; sometimes it taxes even grown up intelligence. It is an excellent work, which has the one fault, that it is written in England, and therefore deals often with matters unfamiliar to American readers.

A plucky young woman describes with reat cheerfulness the struggles of her family to keep up a boarding house under many difficulties in "The Luck of the Dudley Grahams." by Alice Calhoun Haines (Henry Holt and Company). There are various children in the story, and some of their adventures are those of childhood. The plot, however, is of a kind to interest older people more than youth, while the intercourse of the family with its rich relatives is hardly conceivable in real life and creates contrasts that the minds of bealthy children should not dwell upon.

In "The Daughters of the Little Grey

House," by Marion Ames Taggart (The McClure Company) we have a grownup sequel to a girls' book. The many young girls have become women, and there is an undue amount of love making before they are provided for. The story will probably interest those who read its predecessor, but by itself it is very scrappy. It is neither a novel nor a girls' book. There are bits of sentiment and pathos that are charming, and some amusing incidents, but they do not make up for the defects of the book.

The author of "A Child's Life of Christ." Mabel Dearmer, has the good taste to follow closely the Bible narrative and to use simple language. The book is illustrated with reproductions from paintings and with colored pictures by Eleanor Fortescue-Brickdale. These are interesting artistically, but are wholly lacking in religious feeling. (Dodd, Mead and Com-

More October Fiction.

Abandoning all archæological coloring and appeals to the supernatural Mr. H. Rider Haggard in "Margaret" (Longmans, Green and Company) embarks on a story of pure adventure. It is put in the days of King Henry VII. and of Ferdinand and Isabella, and in it doughty British adventurers prove their superiority over the Spaniards on sea and land. It is an exciting tale, told very smoothly, with a thrill at the end of nearly every chapter, enlivened by a suitable dose of comic business. It makes no pretence to high literary art, but provides entertainment enough to readers who are content with coarser fare. The author follows the bad precedent of changing the name of his story from that in which it was published in serial form, "Fair Margaret

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When Mr. Stewart Edward White's 'The Blazed Trail" appeared some years ago THE SUN predicted that the story would outlive the season's fiction. It is gratifying to find the book issued again in an elaborate edition with wide margins and good illustrations by the McClure Company. The descriptions of life in the woods and of lumbering which make up the greater part of the story are honest transcripts from nature which deserve to last, as all sound work should. The love passages are less skilfully handled, and it is noticeable that in his later writings Mr. White, recognizing his limitations, has carefully avoided the

The fickleness of American taste in foreign literature is brought out emphatically by the reissue of Berthold Auerbach's "On the Heights" (Henry Holt and Company). There was a happy time, when Scandinavians and Russians were almost unknown, when people took pleasure in Björnson's pleasant tales and Turgenieff translated from the French, in happy ignorance of Ibsen and Tolstoi and Gorky, and when Auer-bach sentimental philosophizing seemed sufficiently irreligious. In those days even Miss Marlitt was read on the sly by pious Germans, and that is not thirty-five years ago. Then everybody had read "On the Heights"; it was the latest word in German literature. There can be few under forty who know the book; they will find the story just as poetic as it ever was, and will not notice the scepticism.

Sheffield, whatever its industrial prominence may be, has had little place in literature since "Brooks of Sheffield" was mentioned. The sketches and stories by Mr. Thomas Winder called "T'Heft an' Blades o' Shevvield" (Sheffield Independent Press, Sheffield, England) should find more than a local audience. The stories are bright and entertaining, and the dialect is easy to read. for it involves the pronunciation rather than the vocabulary. Interesting antiquarian papers are appended, but the

stories in dialect make the book. Twenty very short humorous stories gathered from many periodicals make up Mr. Charles Battell Loomis's "Poe's 'Raven' in an Elevator and Other Stories" (Henry Holt and Company). The stories are all slight, but they will be enjoyed by those who appreciate the author's vein of humor.

Readers of Mr. Stanley J. Weyman's romances of adventure will be rather surprised at the dozen short stories contained in "Laid Up in Lavender" (Longmans, Green and Company). They seem to cover the whole period of Mr. Weyman's literary activity and show his attempts in various styles, before he found himself and caught the eye of the public. They are not bad as short stories, but they all show the apprentice hand.

Of the bad class of stories built upon olays "Prince Karl," attributed to Archibald Clavering Gunter (G. W. Dillingham Company), is one of the worst. It reads like an opera libretto and is told with the literary skill that marks those products. Those who have seen the play may care to read the book.

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